

## **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**August 11, 2016**

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The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 pm in the upstairs conference room #1 of the North Haven Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT.

### **Members Present**

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda  
Second Selectman, Timothy M. Doheny  
Third Selectman, Sally J. Buemi

Mr. Freda welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced himself and second selectman, Timothy Doheny and third selectman, Sally Buemi. Mr. Freda asked everyone to join him to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

There being no public comment relative to the agenda, Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the approval of the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of July 7, 2016.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded approval of the minutes of the Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting of July 28, 2016.

Vote: Freda –Yes, Doheny –Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Freda then turned the meeting over to Police Chief Thomas McLoughlin and Deputy Chief Jon Mulhern for their presentation regarding the Police Department Facility and communications system. Chief McLoughlin proceeded to explain the antiquated communication system being used by our police department and the importance of upgrading for both the safety of our residents and officers. Deputy Chief Mulhern provided a very detailed presentation of the police department facility, explaining with photographs and commentary the extensive deficiencies in the building, including cramped quarters, leaking and crumbling windows and fixtures, as well as numerous safety issues. He explained the history of the department and how it has grown in personnel and necessary equipment and how they are trying to operate in these conditions.

Following their presentation, Mr. Freda opened the meeting to public comment. Mr. Joe D'Errico, Chairman of the Police Commission, commented that he has checked for grants and there is nothing available. He also expressed his concerns over the antiquated communication system and the safety of our officers. He voiced his concern that when the officers are in certain buildings, including our schools,

there are no repeaters so the officers can't communicate with headquarters. He stressed that this building has been open 24/7 since 1965 and needs renovation.

Dave Durant, Culver Lane, asked when we last replaced the windows. Chief responded early 1990's, about 26 years ago.

The Chief stated that they anticipate the cost of the radio/communication upgrades to be approximately \$4 million and the renovations to the building at about \$12 million, with renovations taking about 12 to 18 months.

Sherman Katz, Sherwood Drive had several comments expressing his concerns after seeing and hearing this information. He feels that we should be ashamed of ourselves to allow our officers to work in these conditions. He fully supports this.

Tom White, Summer Lane, stated that upgrades to the communication system are a matter of public safety, citing his 30+ years of experience working with New Haven. He fully supports updates to the station and communication system.

Mike Nappe, Skiff Street, feels that we should utilize any and all available town property to build a new building providing the dignity the department deserves. We have invested in the library, two schools firehouses, etc. He would prefer we spend the additional money for a new building, rather than a renovation and new communication system.

Mary White, Summer Lane, supports both projects. She also asked if solar could be included and wondered if it could be put on the referendum in November. Mr. Freda stated it would probably be a separate referendum.

Nick D'Angelo, Quinnipiac Avenue, stated that this is very important and supports a new facility.

Some additional comments were exchanged regarding the time line for presentations, town meeting and referendum. Miss Buemi also noted that both the Chief and Deputy felt renovation versus new could satisfy their needs. She feels that a good renovation similar to the middle school seems appropriate.

With no additional comment regarding the police presentation, Miss Buemi stated that she wanted to report back following her attendance at the July 13<sup>th</sup> Cemetery Commission meeting. She stated that the Commission unanimously approved going forward with the first phase of the project to repair the broken/damaged head stones.

She also brought up for discussion the topic of the synthetic turf fields which has been in the newspaper with regard to Hamden's decision to consider using the cork fields instead of the ground rubber. She noted that she has contacted the American Cancer Society with no opinion from them, and also reached out to

Senator Blumenthal. Mr. Freda noted that we still have time to decide and we will also look at the results when the federal study comes back.

Miss Buemi reminded the Board that she is working with Valerie Goodkin to organize the September 11<sup>th</sup> memorial on the Green commemorating the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragedy.

Mr. Freda then proceeded with a few economic development updates regarding 297 State Street and the former Pratt & Whitney property. Mr. Doheny asked for a middle school update and Mr. Freda stated that the school renovation is on track and has been told the school will be open on time.

Following Mr. Freda's overview, Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the following resolution:

Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes

RESOLVED, that The Honorable Michael J. Freda, First Selectman, is hereby authorized to sign the Agreement entitled "Master Municipal Agreement for Preliminary Engineering Projects."

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the resignation of Mary Jane Mulligan (R), 69 Highland Park Road, as an Alternate on the Planning and Zoning Commission effective June 23, 2016, term to expire December 1, 2017.

Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the reappointment of Judy Amarone, Senior Center Director, as Municipal Agent for the Elderly, for a four year term to expire June 30, 2020.

Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the reappointment of Edward J. Swinkoski, Director of Community Services and Recreation, as Municipal Agent for the Elderly, for a four year term to expire June 30, 2020.

Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the following bond release with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission-

- #P05-30 - 76 Maple Avenue, RJKJK LLC, dba Sunnyside Early Learning Center release the entire bond balance of \$2,500.00.

Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the following bond release with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission-

- #P13-06 - 342 State Street, Elm City Management release the entire bond balance of \$10,000.00.

Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the following bond release with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission-

- #P14-40 - 476 Washington Avenue, CHMK/Chris Kyriakis release the current bond balance of \$5,000.00.

Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes

Miss Buemi motioned and Mr. Doheny seconded the following bond release with the recommendation of the Inlands Wetlands Commission-

- #115-07 - 299 Mansfield Road – Carolyn P. Gould release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned and Miss Buemi seconded the approval to the following Property Tax Refunds –

Vote: Freda – Yes, Doheny – Yes, Buemi – Yes

- Access Audio-Visual Systems – 420 Sackett Point Road, North Haven, CT in the amount of \$33.31.
- Aiello, Kevin J. – 52 Kimberly Circle, North Haven, CT in the amount of \$70.52.
- Defillippo, Linda A – 1 Carolyn Court, North Haven, CT in the amount of \$96.94.
- Foley, James – 401 Clintonville Road #219, North Haven, CT in the amount of \$96.79.
- Honda Lease Trust – 600 Kelly Way, Holyoke, MA 01040 in the amount of \$269.27.
- Lindsay, Albert – 69 Bassett Road, North Haven, CT in the amount of \$31.11.
- Marinelli, Joseph Jr. – 130 State Street, Unit E1, North Haven, CT in the amount \$51.23.
- Martins, Carlos – 56 Clark Avenue, North Haven, CT in the amount of \$15.08.
- Muro, Sharon A. – 75 Forest Hill Road, North Haven, CT in the amount of \$6.72.
- Norko, Mark c/o Kyle Norko – 177 Pool Road, North Haven, CT in the amount of \$78.26.
- Squeri, John – 15 Rance Court, North Haven, Ct in the amount of \$8.88.
- Su, Lingyin – Rm 401, No 70 Alley 85, West Gui Lin St, Shanghai, China 200233 in the amount of \$32.73.
- Vault Trust – Ally Financial Louisville PPC, PO Box 9001951, Louisville, KY 40290 in the amount of \$293.55, and in the amount of \$307.21, and in the

amount of \$386.14, and in the amount of \$343.39, and in the amount of \$66.01, and in the amount of \$184.70, and in the amount of \$318.36, and in the amount of \$343.01.

- Wilson, Catherine – 11 Great Meadow View Drive, North Haven, CT in the amount of \$30.62.

Mr. Freda advised that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is on Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in community room of the North Haven Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Mr. Freda opened the meeting for public comment.

Sherman Katz had several questions and comments regarding the North Haven Shopping Center, the boilers at Green Acres School, and the budget surplus.

Mrs. Mary White inquired about the maintenance of Grover Wyman Park, the senior tax freeze program and its utilization, and the open space bonding on the agenda for the Special Town Meeting of August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Hearing no further questions, Miss Buemi motioned to adjourn the meeting, at 9:15 pm, seconded by Mr. Doheny.